# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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POPULATION OF DISABLED PERSONS
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the population of disabled persons in the country during 1991 and 2001 and expected to be after five and ten years;

(b) whether there is any National Policy on disabled;

(c) if so, the outlines thereof;

(d) the physical, social, economic and legal actions being taken by the Government to uplift these people; and

(e) the number of projects for disabled persons are being planned, developed and constructed and proposed for the next five years?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) As per sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation(NSSO) in 1991 approximately 1.9% of the population was estimated to be suffering from some kind of physical or sensory disability. The survey conducted on children in the age group of 0-14 years shows that 3% of the population suffers from delayed mental development. The data regarding incidence of disability collected during the course of census 2001 is not yet available. The population of disabled persons after 5 or 10 years cannot be estimated at this stage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The various schemes and programmes supported by the Government include prevention of disability and rehabilitation, training, education, financial assistance and a separate mechanism in the persona of the Chief Commissioner for safeguarding the rights and facilities of persons with disabilities.

(e) The Xth Five Year Plan has not been finalized. The Govt. is already supporting a number of programmes for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.